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FROM YOUR RABBI

I'm feeling a sense of juxtaposition as I'm writing to you this month in our temple bulletin. On one hand, I am so proud of our congregation for doing our part to welcome the Afghan refugees to our community. Opening our doors to those in need is a very important part of who we are as a Jewish community. We pride ourselves on being open, friendly, and always striving to welcome the stranger and make our world a better place. Thank you to everyone who has taken part in welcoming these refugees to Harrisburg.



On the other hand, I am shocked and saddened to hear the news of Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker, who was held hostage with three of his congregants for 11 hours at his synagogue

outside of Fort Worth Texas. Rabbi Cytron-Walker was doing what we hope all rabbis do... Welcome the stranger, provide for the hungry, and take care of the downtrodden in the community. But sometimes doing the right thing, is the wrong thing.

Thankfully, the situation in Texas ended with the hostages escaping unharmed. But the outcome could easily have been a tragic one. So what do we do? Do we welcome the stranger into our midst, or do we keep our doors closed as a way to protect ourselves?

The answer is both. We need to do what we can to take care of those who are in need, while at the same time be vigilant about the dangers of those we don't know. We have in the past, and I hope we will in the future as well, do our best to repair the world, while at the same time be extremely vigilant about the dangers that can happen to a faith community.

Fortunately, our temple board looks very seriously at the security measures at Ohev Sholom, and while we will continue to be vigilant about our safety, we will also continue to do our part to take care of the disadvantaged.

These are very strange times indeed. We worry about the spread of Covid, and we worry about the difficulties of being a faith community. In the future we will do our part to take care of those who need us, while at the same time be very careful about taking care of ourselves as well.

Stay warm, and my best to all of you.

Your Rabbi, Peter Kessler

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you are healthy, safe, and warm during this challenging winter. In my column this month, I just want to touch on a few important items:

- 1. Security has always been a top priority, but, in light of recent events, the board and staff are reviewing what, if anything, our temple should be doing differently or in addition to our current practices. Jewish organizations in our community and across the country are undergoing the same process. It is an unfortunate necessity but one that we all take very seriously.
- 2. We are so close to meeting our goal for this year's Kol Nidre Appeal, but we aren't there yet. The temple relies on the funds raised each year to balance the budget, and this year is no different. Please make -- or, better yet, fulfill -- your pledge at your earliest opportunity. For your convenience, you can donate securely via credit card on our website at www.ohevsholom.org/payments.
- 3. The board is finalizing plans for our congregational celebrations of Purim and Passover, which occur this year in mid-March and mid-April, respectively. Watch your mail for the details!

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns: robteplitz@comcast.net or 717-329-3101.

Rob Teplitz President, Temple Ohev Sholom

SIGN UP FOR THE E-BULLETIN

Please let Michelle Darr know if you are willing to receive future issues of the bulletin electronically. Doing so will help both the temple budget and the environment. If you change your mind later, we would be happy to re-subscribe you to the hard copy, no questions asked. Thank you in advance!

Sisterhood Annual Donor

Annual Stay at Home Thank You Donor Celebration Save the Date: March 24, 2022 – Details to Follow

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE

After a brief winter break, the second half of the school year is off to a fantastic start. Our 7th graders are currently participating in an 8-session community wide initiative called *Shamor V'Zakhor*-- which means to observe and remember. In this program our 7th graders are learning about the Holocaust and Shabbat with their peers across the wider Jewish community, with the goal of building lasting relationships which will continue into Hebrew High, BBYO and beyond. The program will be culminating this month with a trip to the Holocaust Musuem in DC. *Shamor V'Zakhor* is fully funded by the Jewish Community Foundation of Central PA through its Sonya and Eli Glick March of the Living Fund and the Lipsett Philanthropic Fund. Our other students are continuing with our values-based curriculum this year and our focusing on *Achrayut* --taking responsibility, and *HaKarat HaTov* --seeking joy and being grateful, this month.

Jason Graf Religious School Director

February Adult Education Classes Contact Rabbi Kessler on the Temple Web-Site if you would like to be on the ZOOM link e-mail list

Basic Judaism will be held on February 6 at 10am on Zoom.

PEP is the Parallel Education Course taught once-a-month on Sunday mornings. Our next class is February 6 at 11am on Zoom.

Lunch n Learn will be on February 9 at 12 noon on Zoom.

Book Review is our monthly Sunday morning book club. Our next class is February 13 at 11am on Zoom.

Confirmation Class will be held on February 27 at 10am on Zoom.

Adult B'nai Mitzvah class will be held on February 27 at 11am on Zoom.

Temple Ohev Sholom HARRISBURG, PA





A Very Successful Clothing Drive!

Helping Afghan Refugees

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Community Clothing Drive at Ohev Sholom on January 16. This program benefited Afghan refugees arriving to central Pennsylvania! This program, run by Ohev Sholom's Social Action Committee and Sisterhood, in partnership with Jewish Family Service of Greater Harrisburg and Beth El Temple Harrisburg showcased the generosity of our membership and community, with cars stopping by to drop off bags and boxes of clothes every few minutes!

If you are interested in learning more about the Afghan Resettlement program, and ways you can help, visit the JFS website at https:// jfsofhbg.org/afghan-refugee-resettlement/.

Interested in participating in future Social Action events with Ohev Sholom? Drop us a note at office@ohevsholom.org and we'll be in touch soon.

















A New Year, a New Opportunity to Plan Your Legacy.

Imagine you could provide a gift to Temple Ohev Sholom and the central Pennsylvania Jewish community that would last forever...

Consider creating a permanent gift of any size to the Jewish causes you hold near to your heart. Whether through a quick and easy beneficiary designation in your IRA, 401K or life insurance, or via your trust or will, LIFE & LEGACY is an endowment program designed to help you create permanent legacy gifts.

Ensure a future for the programs, agencies, and congregations that you care about and demonstrate your belief in the continuity of Jewish life in Central Pennsylvania - for generations to come!

Your legacy can provide funds that will support Jewish education, aid the elderly, alleviate poverty, benefit Temple Ohev Sholom, and/or other beloved organizations.

Contact Temple Ohev Sholom board member and Endowments/Life & Legacy Committee Chair Ari Nepon (ari.nepon@gmail.com) if you have questions, are interested in planning your legacy, or interested in joining the Endowments/Life & Legacy Committee.

Life & Legacy Program Participants In Your Area



























SISTERHOOD NEWS

I hope everyone is having a happy and healthy New Year. Sisterhood is busy getting ready for some special programs that will be happening in February and March. We are doing our best to provide quality programming for our Sisterhood and temple members. We invite everyone to participate.

One of those quality programs happened in late December. We welcomed author and CEO of *Moment Magazine*, Nadine Epstein, via Zoom to discuss her book *RBGs Brave & Brilliant Women*. A huge thank you to Jeanette Krebs who took the lead as she interviewed Ms. Epstein about her book and her life as CEO of her magazine. It was a fantastic program. The book is a perfect for teenagers and adults. It is a wonderful history book with lovely illustrations. If you are interested in purchasing a book, please contact me. We still have a few available. The books are \$20.00 each and are signed by the author.

Future Program/Things to Look Forward: At the time of this writing, we are getting ready for our Zoom **Bingo Night** on Jan. 22nd. You will hear more about that in our March Bulletin. Suffice it say, I am sure it will be loads of fun.

Sisterhood Brunch: Brunch will take place on Sunday morning, Feb. 27th via Zoom. The topic this year is, *Learning about Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease*. Please see the flyer in this month's Bulletin for more information.

Torah Talk with Rabbi Kessler: This event is slated for Friday evening, March 18th following the 6:00pm Shabbat Service. Since Torah Talk will be close to Purim, Rabbi Kessler will talk about Esther. Please see the flyer for more information.

Donor Program: Our Donor Program is right around the corner. Soon you will be receiving a letter in the mail about how important everyone's donations are to Sisterhood. Sisterhood does so much for our temple, and I hope that you will find it in your heart to give a donation to Sisterhood.

The more people we have involved, the easier it is to plan social and community service programs. Please consider joining the fun. As always, if you have any questions about Sisterhood or any of our programs, please do not hesitate to call me at 717 379-0674.

Reyna Jose President

Dear Sisterhood Members and Supporters:

Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood (TOSS) plays an active and vital role in our Temple's religious, social and educational life. As one of the region's most active Sisterhoods, our many contributions to the Temple enhance the experiences of the entire Ohev family.

Did you know that, aside from ensuring Shabbat flowers on the bimah, providing various holiday treats for our religious school students, coordinating construction/decoration of the Sukkah, and arranging the Hanukkah celebration, Sisterhood provides Emergency Aid in times of need? The Sisterhood also helps support the kitchen, operates the Gift Shop, provides social and educational opportunities for the congregation, and much, much more. Additionally, Sisterhood annually helps the Temple financially, by making a sizable gift to its operating budget.

And so, we turn to you, to invite you to participate in our annual TOSS Donor Appeal. Your tax-deductible monetary contribution helps Sisterhood to fulfill its financial commitment to our Temple as well as to continue our extensive role in Ohev's life.

We have set the suggested minimum donor contribution at \$40.00;

however, donations in any amount are welcome. Your paid donor pledge will entitle you to an invitation to the Annual Donor Stay at Home Thank You Celebration, to be held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, 7:00 p.m., on Zoom. A separate invitation to this event will be sent to donors by February 28, 2022, so please have your pledges in before then if you would like to attend the Zoom event.

On behalf of the members of Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood, thank you for your time and consideration. We hope we can count on your support. Your donation will ensure that Sisterhood continues the mission of assistance to the Temple and its members. Your generosity is also a way to offer yourself "The Gift of Sisterhood."

With appreciation,

Denyse Miskin Past Sisterhood President Donor Chair

Email:

Please make your checks payable to Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood and send to: Denyse Miskin, 490 Woodcrest Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

I have enclosed \$ 2022	as my Donor contribution for
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Temple Ohev Sholom Sisterhood Brunch

February 27, 2022, 10:00am



Presented by: Dementia Friends Pennsylvania A program of Jewish Health Care Foundation

Dementia Friends is a global movement developed by the Alzheimer's Society in the United Kingdom. Dementia Friends is underway in Pennsylvania.

We hope you will join us for this important program!

To receive the Zoom link please RSVP; Miriam Robinson at chutzy1@yahoo.com Patti Hivner at pattiscookin@comcast.net Mask required regardless of your vaccination status.



Join Sisterhood

TORAH TALK

with Rabbi Kessler

Topic:The Story of Esther

Friday, March 18, 2022, after 6 p.m. service in the Temple Ohev Sholom sanctuary

Please RSVP to: Linda Grobman lindagrobman@gmail.com or Dianne Stolberg tr6gal@gmail.com

FEBRUARY KADDISH

February 4

Charlotte E. Ansell Sophia Aronson Harold J. Astrick Kasie Marie Berger Seymour Blank Sarah Disend Rose Epstein John Feldman Helen Heinemann Pauline Kessler Ella Lehrman Wilma Levy Harry Lowengard Leon Lowengard Rebecca Menaker Jean Migatz Jonathan Saxe Henry Scheier Jay J. Segal Mervin Silver Jack E. Spector William Spitalny Mollie B. Yoffe Jack Zuckerman

February 11

Helene Beck
Sol Berliner
Hyman Blank
Lillian Blinn
Francine E. Brenner
Barbara Brown
Leroy J. Brown
Betty Danowitz
Lena Epstein
Marcia Feldman

Marianne Flack Muriel Fleishman Jeanne Gerber Hartford William L. Kanenson Hannah Kline Nathan B. Liebman Jeffrey Magid Bertha S. Oppenheim Martin Pepper Robin Rokoff Rose Rubin Ron Schwarz Alan F. Teplitz **Irving Weber** Benjamin Zalman

February 18

Hilda Baturin Bennett Henry Bogart Norman Bronstein Katherine Tharrington Bryant Harry Chirson Anna Cohen Annie S. Cohen Edilia Coulianso **Burton Ettinger** Pincus Friedman Jonas Greenberg Charles D. Herbert Pauline Hollander Joseph G. Kanenson Jacob S. Lowengard Doris Newman Phyllis Scher **Edwin Silver** Bertha R. Smigel

February 25

Lillian Abeles Gloria Adler Sadie Alexander Fannie Baturin Matilda Berk Harry Casher Naomi Doranz Hannah Druckman David Dubin Lena I. Feinberg Jerome Goodman Samuel I. Kades Jr. Alice W. Kanenson Rachel Kyler Gertrude Landis Walter J. Manola Louis Melamed Pauline Mishkin Goldye Reiner Thelma Reigler Richard Lee Roth David M. Saxe David T. Shaffer Robert G. Smigel Molly Spitalny

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